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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our annual holiday party will be held on December 13 at the Poudre Environmental Learning Center in Greeley. We will have a dinner catered by Qdoba restaurants with a Mexican theme. The price will be \$15 per person. We anticipate between 30 and 35 guests at our get together and hope a good time will be had by all. I

think it's a great way to end a fun year, enjoying the holiday season with our club mates, friends and their friends. If you haven't already signed up please come and join us. There is plenty of room at the ELC and we would love to have you. It is located at 8313 W. F St, just off of 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The party starts at 6pm with dinner starting about 6.30 or when the food arrives.

I've been gathering things for our gala and find I am short on a few items. The main one being drink containers. Something the size of a large punch bowl. They can be spouted or not but large enough to hold a couple of gallons of punch, iced tea and/or water. The learning center has most items needed for a gathering and I'm very grateful to Ken and Paulette for making it so easy for me to get this party organized.

Another issue I need to bring up is next year's membership dues. The 2020 FFNC membership fee is \$35 with \$15 going to FFI. Our parent organization has made many changes this past year and I believe most if not all have been for the better. Supporting them while they provide support to us seems to be working for the common good. You can bring your dues to the party or mail it to our treasurer, Marilyn Garner. You, of course, can also bring it to the next meeting.

Thanks to all of you for helping make it a really good year. Hope to see you all at the party  
—Alice

**Dec. 13, 2019  
Holiday Party  
6:00—9:00 PM  
\$15**

**At Poudre Learn-  
ing Center**

**8313 W. F Street,  
Greeley, CO, just off  
83rd Street**

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## WORLD CONFERENCE WRAP UP NOW ONLINE

More than 430 delegates from 23 countries had a great time learning and socializing at the 2019 World Conference in Boulder, CO, USA!

With the majestic Flatiron mountain range as a scenic backdrop, a total of 432 Friendship Force delegates from 23 countries participated in Friendship Force's 41st World Conference, held on the campus of the University of Colorado in Boulder from July 23 to 26.

The conference was joint-hosted by the Friendship Force clubs of the Rocky Mountain Region. "We want to welcome all to our beautiful region," declared Sue Palmer, the regional Field Representative. "This week will be full of opportunities to participate in activities, socialize, and learn. Our hope is that you will return home with a feeling of revitalization."

The Workshops were so informative and most of them are available online! See the list below and access them from the FFI website.

[Seeing the Complexity of Conflict Planning Domestic Journeys & Open World Programs](#) – 2 Sessions ([Additional Handout](#))

[A Perennial Approach to Club Development](#) – 2 Sessions ([Additional Handout](#))

[Google – So Much More than a Search Engine!](#) – 2 Sessions

[What Is FFI? A Workshop for Newcomers](#) – 2 Sessions

- [It's a Match! Hey, You've Made the News!](#) – 2 Sessions

[Planning and Executing an Inspirational Journey](#) – 2 Sessions

[Club Websites – Every Club Needs One](#) – 2 Sessions ([Additional Handout](#))

[The Membership Toolkit](#) – 2 Sessions ([Additional Handout](#) & [Supplemental Materials](#))

- [Best Practices – Strengthening Clubs](#) – 2 Sessions
- [What can FFI RSMs and Field Reps Do For My Club?](#) – 2 Sessions
- [50 Ways to be a Good Ambassador](#) – 2 Sessions

[Grow your Club via FF's Core Mission and Culture](#) – 2 Sessions

- [Sharing Your Journey Experience on the Global Stage](#) – 2 Sessions
- [Skip The Small Talk: Harness The Power of Storytelling To Create Authentic Friendships](#) – 2 Sessions

[Navigating the FFI Website](#) – 2 Sessions

[FFI Partnership with International Cities of Peace](#) – 2 Sessions

- [Fold, Pack, and Go](#)
- [Q & A with the FFI Board of Directors](#)
- [Field Rep Training](#)

**[Find all available handouts and presentations here.](#)**

**IF YOU NEED HELP ACCESSING THIS INFORMATION ON THE FFI WEBSITE, CALL MARILYN FOR HELP.**



## REPORT ON 2020 JOURNEYS

MARCH 2020 Outbound Journey 20023: Although the official FFI identification for our March 2020 outbound journey is #20023, I think of it as the Ladies' Journey! Twelve women from five states will meet at the Auckland airport on March 14 enroute to Whangarei, New Zealand for six days of FF home stay followed by three nights and two days in Melbourne then another six days of FF home stay in Casterton, Australia. Seven of those women will start their travels on the South Island of New Zealand with LaDonna as their guide. We promise to share the highlights at a future meeting!

## FFNC JOURNEY CORNER

by Debby Jones, FFNC Journey Coordinator

### GLIMPSES OF ENGLISH HISTORY

Compare rural English life in Isle of Wight with its beautiful, picturesque scenery with that of a bustling, cosmopolitan, world-leading city like Manchester. Homestays in both cities will allow you to form friendships with your host clubs while taking in sites of historical significance.

Home Hospitality provided by the Friendship Force clubs of Isle of Wight and Manchester.

Many occasions to share meals with our club members and share events in the programme.

You will be able to compare English life on an island with its rural setting and picturesque scenery with that of a bustling, cosmopolitan, world-leading city like Manchester.

- Journey number 20136. **June -17, 2020**
- The activity level rating is in between moderate and active: good mobility is essential to enable all ambassadors to benefit fully from their visit.
- The visits we make to places of special interest, perhaps around large gardens or historic sites could involve narrow or steep paths, stone staircases with handrails, and buildings without a lift.
- Some members of the clubs live in small houses or cottages where stairs are narrow and steep. Bedrooms and bathrooms/toilets may be located upstairs from the main living area and therefore all ambassadors must be physically able to cope with these conditions. Ambassadors must also be able to carry their own luggage, including upstairs.
- England is noted for fickle weather but June is usually warm and sunny with temperatures in the 20s. But be prepared with a light waterproof and extra layers. Sensible, covered, comfortable shoes are recommended to access the sites to be visited.

In your journey plan to the Isle of Wight you need to include transport from the airport to a ferry port from which to cross to the Island. Tickets can be purchased at the ferry terminals for less than 20 USD. We will provide you with all the necessary information closer to the date.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020

It's time to pay your FFNC dues for 2018. Please bring your check for \$35 p/p, made out to FFNC, to the Dec. 13 holiday party, We are hoping to collect all dues payments by the January 10, FFNC meeting. . Thanks for taking care of this ASAP!

Membership Chair: Kay Sheahan



## NOVEMBER MTG AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM: Cheryl Glanz, our scheduled speaker for November, recorded the date incorrectly as Monday, November 11 and missed the meeting. She has graciously agreed to be the speaker at our April 10, 2020 meeting. In retrospect that is probably a better date for her topic of tourism in Colorado. With so many members traveling, only 17 members and one guest attended the November meeting.

So, what did we do at the November meeting? As Frank Cada suggested, we used the time to socialize informally. Dot Cada gave a brief update on Myanmar. Suzi Gossard explained the new process for collecting, rewashing, and reusing the plastic snack time utensils. We skipped the store, the raffle, and the final song. We missed YOU! Thanks to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup!

Suzi decorated our snack table with a beautiful fall theme! Thank you, Suzi!



FUTURE PROGRAMS: At the January 10 meeting BJ Demersseman will share highlights of her journey to Ireland! Our featured program at World Friendship Day, March 13, is a presentation by staff of the Global Museum that was started by a former FFNC member, Jean Nash.

## THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE

*As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other countries, the cause of friendship and peace can be furthered.*





## CLEO AND GAME NIGHTS



We need 6 more people to sign up for hosting CLEO by picking a restaurant and making those arrangements

for the following dates. July 23, 2020, August 27th, 2020, September 24, 2020, November 19, 2020, and December 17, 2020

We need one more member to host a game night In May 2020.

No CLEO in December because of Holiday Party

November CLEO was held at Locality, a Farm to Table restaurant on Harmony in Fort Collins. We had 15 attendees! Esther and Dick brought their daughter and we had a long time to visit as our numbers sort of overwhelmed the kitchen. Most of us thought the food tasty and we took home some leftovers. Mark your calendar for January 23 CLEO organized by Alice Gibson.





## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

*Inspirational Women ~ Rising Through Adversity* opened Friday, Oct. 4 at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. Curated by the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, the exhibit will honor women who have risen from adversity to make a difference in the lives of other women. The exhibit is open until February 22, 2020.

### HOLIDAY FILM: THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL

JOIN US FOR A FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE RIALTO FEATURING THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL!

NO-COST PHYSICAL MOVIE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RIALTO BOX OFFICE DURING NORMAL BOX OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY: 12:30 PM TO 5:30 PM.

YOUR TICKET ENSURES YOU A SEAT IN THE THEATER FOR THE MOVIE. THERE IS A 6 (SIX) TICKET LIMIT. TICKETS AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS - NO HOLDS.

THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

STARRING: MICHAEL CAINE, DAVE GOELZ, STEVE WHITMIRE

TICKETS: FREE

1992, 1 HOUR 25 MINUTES

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Winter Wonderlights will take place from Nov. 15 2019 through Jan. 1, 2020 at the Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra in Loveland, Colorado just east of the Promenade Shops retail center at U.S. Highway 34 and Interstate 25. Special programming, the largest inflatable igloo in Colorado and local vendors will be onsite select nights.

One of Northern Colorado's best holiday traditions include the twinkling lights at the Gardens on Spring Creek. The switch gets flipped on these lights starting December 13th and will last all the way through December 29th. The lights can be seen every evening from 5:00-9:00 p.m. during that time period including Christmas Eve, but will be closed Christmas Day.

Bring the family out for a stroll through the Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins' community botanical gardens, and enjoy the creatively lit festive gardens covered by hundreds of thousands of LED lights.

You can see your favorite perennial flower beds, huge sculptural flowers, a brilliant blue LED pond, John Deere tractor, cornfields, and farmer, and a Primordial Forest with dinosaurs—all created entirely from holiday lights!

And as an added bonus you can visit with Santa during the weekends (Friday, Sat, Sun), while listening to holiday music, making seasonal crafts, and enjoying warm drinks.

Join the USAF Academy Band for their annual seasonal celebration concert, "Holly and Ivy." Offered at no charge to the community, this concert will feature classic holiday music and exciting new works including virtuosic soloists and eclectic small group arrangements. Tickets are available for pick-up starting Sept. 14 at 10 a.m only at the UCCC ticket office. Limit 4 per person, while supplies last.

A tradition unmatched in Northern Colorado, *Poinsettia Pops* has kicked off the Holiday Season in Greeley for over thirty years. This holiday concert features The Greeley Phil, The Greeley Chorale and the Greeley Children's Chorale, and tenor Charles Moore in a performance of seasonal favorites and beloved carols. The entire family will have fun at this joyous concert in the poinsettia-adorned Monfort Concert Hall.

What's Interesting About this Concert:

- This concert caps the week-long Festival of Trees event that takes place annually in the UCCC
- The entire stage will be decorated with poinsettias (you can order some for your home or office through November leading up to the concert)

Singing along to the songs you know (probably all of them) is encouraged



In Northern Colorado

Outbound

## JOURNEYS & EVENTS

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**Friday, December 13th, 2019  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
at Poudre Learning Center .  
Call Alice to reserve your  
spot and mail your check to  
Marilyn**

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**GAME NIGHT January 16,  
2020  
HOST: Marilyn Garner**



**Thurs, January 23,  
2020, 11:30 a.m. Location  
to be announced  
RSVP to Alice Gibson**



**Thurs, February 27,  
2020, 11:30 a.m. Location  
to be announced  
RSVP to Anne Brown**

**MARCH 2020  
Journey to  
Whangarei, New Zealand &  
Casterton, Victoria, Australia  
Journey Coordinator:**

**SEPTEMBER 2020  
Inbound Journey from  
Friendship Force of Stratford  
& St. Marys, Canada  
Host Coordinator: Marilyn  
Garner**

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## FFNC SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Social Calendar and Sign-up

Mark your calendars for these events, and check out opportunities to help get FFNC social calendar filled up!

We plan to continue CLEO lunches each month and GAME NIGHTS every other month (6 per year.)

### CLEOS

(more details soon)

Jan. 23, 2020 CLEO: Alice Gibson; FC location TBA

Feb. 27 CLEO: Anne Brown; Loveland location TBA

March 26 CLEO BJ Demerseman; Greeley location TBA

April 23 CLEO Thelma Slocum; Brewhouse; FC

**May - November 2020 CLEO coordinators needed**

### GAME NIGHTS

(more details soon)

Jan. 2020 Game Night: Marilyn Garner

RSVP to Marilyn 493-4137

Garner.marilyn@gmail.com

March 2020 Game Night; Anne Brown

**May 2020 Game Night host needed**

July 2020 Game Night; Marcia Ross

October 2020 Ken and Paulette Weaver

**November 2020 Game Night host needed**



## COME TO OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:00 PM**

HOLIDAY PARTY: Come join the fun at the annual FFNC holiday party on Friday, December 13 at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner catered by Qdoba restaurants with a Mexican theme starts at 6:30. Please call Alice by December 4 so she has a count for reservations. Bring \$15 to the party if you have not already paid.

The Poudre Learning Center address is 8313 W. F St., just off 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Greeley. If traveling east from Loveland on US 34, take the 34 Business Route exit and in about 4.2 miles turn left onto 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (CR 27). The Learning Center is on the left in about 1.4 miles.

Want to carpool? Contact Cindy Paulson at 581-6801 or [cdp225@msn.com](mailto:cdp225@msn.com) to offer to drive or to request a ride.